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C O N F I D E N T I A L MONROVIA 3357

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DEPT FOR BAKER FROM AMBASSADOR YOUNG, MAYNES AND PETTERSON;

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LISBON PLEASE PASS TO AMBASSADOR YOUNG

E.O. 11652: GDS

AGS: PFOR, US, UN, SF, WA

SUBJECT: BRIEFING OF SWAPOLEADERS

REF: STATE 109433; MAPUTO 536

1. WE WOULD RECOMMEND GIVING SWAPO WRITTEN TEXT WHICH COULD TAKE THE FORM OF NON-PAPER OR PROCEDURE WE FOLLOWED IN PASSING OUR VIEWS TO SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT. ALTHOUGH WE INFORMED THE SOUTH AFRICANS THAT WE WOULD NOT PROVIDE WRITTEN VIEWS TO THE OTHER PARTIES, GIVEN CURRENT CIRCUMSTANCES, WE BELIEVE WE SHOULD PROVIDE SWAPO WITH OUR VIEWS IN THE MOST ACCURATE FORM POSSIBLE. SEVERAL REPORTS SUGGEST THAT SWAPO LEADERS, ON BASIS OF FRAGMENTARY REPORTS THEY HAVE RECEIVED, ARE MISDESCRIBING THE ARRANGEMENTS DISCUSSED BETWEEN CONTACT GROUP AND SOUTH AFRICAN OFFICIALS. WE ARE IN DANGER OF HAVING OUR INITIATIVE PERMANENTLY JEOPARDIZED. THE ONLY WAY TO SOLVE THIS PROBLEM IS TO PROVIDE WRITTEN VIEWS. ANOTHER MITIGATING FACTOR IS THAT ONE OF OUR ALLIES HAS ALREADY MADE THE MISTAKE OF PASSING OUR VIEWS TO MOZAMBIQUE. SINCE MOZAMBIQUE WILL SHARE THE PIECE OF PAPER WITH SWAPO, WE DO NOT SEE WHY WE SHOULD NOT PROVIDE THE SAME PIECE OF PAPER WITH SWAPO LEADERS.

2. WE WOULD STRESS THAT SWAPO, AS MUCH AS SAG, IS KEY TO ANY FURTHER PROGRESS TOWARD NEGOTIATED, PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT OF NAMIBIAN ISSUE. WE CANNOT EXPECT THEIR BLANKET ENDORSEMENT OF RESULTS OF CONTACT GROUP'S EXPLORATORY TALKS WITH SOUTH AFRICA. HOWEVER, WE SHOULD DO ALL WE CAN TO MITIGATE SOMEWHAT THEIR DISTRUST OF OUR INITIATIVE AND ENDEAVOR TO GET THEM TO AGREE NOT TO OPPOSE ANY FURTHER EFFORT. GIVING THEM A PIECE OF PAPER MIGHT BE HELPFUL IN THIS RESPECT. WE THEREFORE BELIEVE THERE IS MORE TO BE GAINED THAN LOST FROM DOING THIS.

CARTER.

UNQUOTE CHRISTOPHER.

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